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Subject:

Notice per Utah Code Titla 40-8 Mined Land Reclamation Act

Mining activity at Aragonite, Utah.

Tooele County, Utah

Dear Mr. Hedberg,

The existing site conditions are dangerous. We would like to take abatement action immediately in regards to the highwalls and open pits.

Please review the enclosed. If you find it in order, please sign page 5 and return a copy for my records. Upon receipt of approval from your office, we are prepared to proceed.

If changes are necessary, please feel free to give me a call at 619-449-5540.

Your consideration is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Rick White

FORM MR-LMO (Revised 2/88)

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## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO COMMENCE LARGE MINING OPERATIONS

-The informational requirements in this form are based on provisions of the Mined Land Reclamation Act, Title 40-8, Utah Code Annotated 1953, General Rules and Rules of Practice and Procedures.

This form applies only to mining operations which disturb or will disturb greater than five acres at any given time.

"MINING OPERATIONS" means those activities conducted on the surface of the land for the exploration for, development of, or extraction of a mineral deposit, including, but not limited to, surface mining and the surface effects of underground and in situ mining, on-site transportation, concentrating, milling, evaporation, and other primary processing.

"Mining operation" does not include: the extraction of sand, gravel, and rock aggregate; the extraction of oil and gas as defined in Chapter 6, Title 40; the extraction of geothermal steam; smelting or refining operations; off-site operations and transportation; or reconnaissance activities which will not cause significant surface resource disturbance or involve the use of mechanized earth-moving equipment such as bulldozers or backhoes.

PLEASE NOTE: If extra space is required to complete a section, please attach additional sheets and include cross-referenced page numbers as necessary. The operator may submit this information on an alternate form, however the same or similar format must be used.

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# Emergency Notice of Intent to Reclaim Mining Operation Where Dangerous Conditions Exist

Submitted pursuant to Utah Code §40-8-23, §40-8-4(14) of the Mined Land Reclamation Act and Pursuant to Rule M-10 (5)

#### I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Mine Name: Aragonite

2. Name of Applicant: Richard W. White, Individual

3. Permanent Address: 9969 Beck Drive, Santee, Cal., 92071

Ph. 619-449-5540

4. Designated Operator: Lon Thomas aka Thomas American Stone

4040 South 300 West Murray, Utah, 84107

#### 5. <u>Location of Operation:</u>

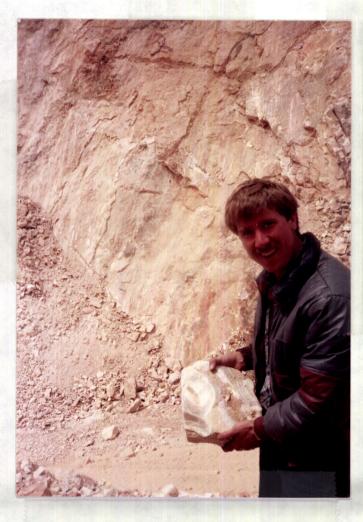
Patented Mining Claims Western Pacific, Western Pacific No. 1, Western Pacific No. 2, Western Pacific No. 3, Western Pacific No. 4, which mining claims are designated by the Surveyor General as Survey No. 6328, embracing a portion of Sections 14 and 23, in Township 1 South, Range 10 West, Salt Lake Meridian, and being specifically described in United States Patent No. 648655 dated the 23rd day of September, 1918, recorded in the office of the county Recorder of Tooele, Utah, on the 28th day of April, 1926, in Book "3-G" of Mining Deeds, pages 413 and 414.

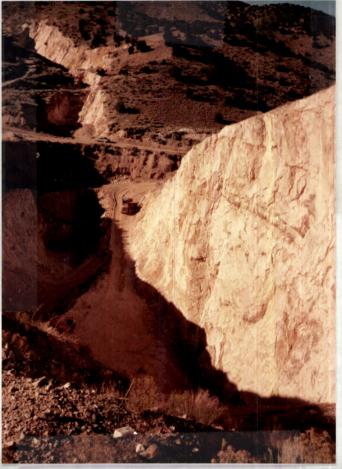
- 6. Ownership of the land:
  Richard W. White, 9969 Beck Drive, Santee, California, 92071,
  owns the patented mining claims.
- 7. Richard W. White, 9969 Beck Drive, Santee, California, 92071, is the owner of record of the mining claims. Lon Thomas, designated operator, holds a first trust deed on the subject mining claims. Thomas has been operating under a leaseback from White.
- 8. White and Thomas are each informed of all activities.
- 9. White has legal access to the property. Thomas has a lease back agreement from White.

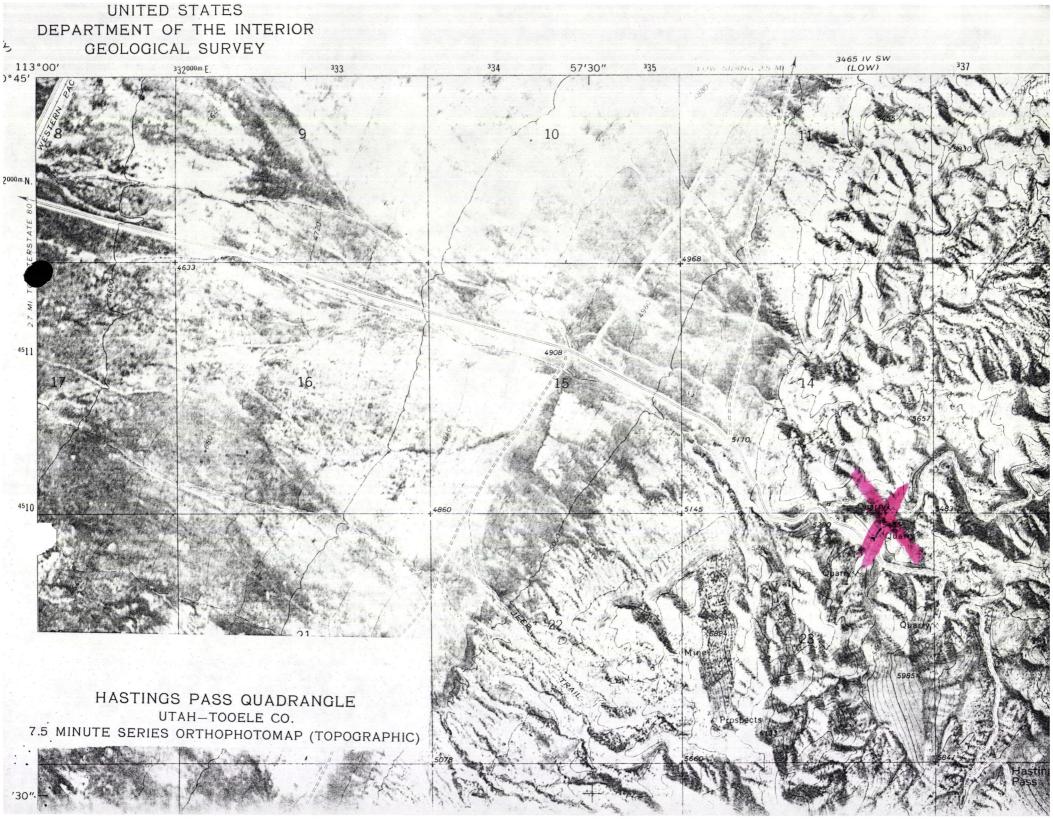
#### II. MAPS, DRAWINGS & PHOTOGRAPHS (Rule R613-004-105)

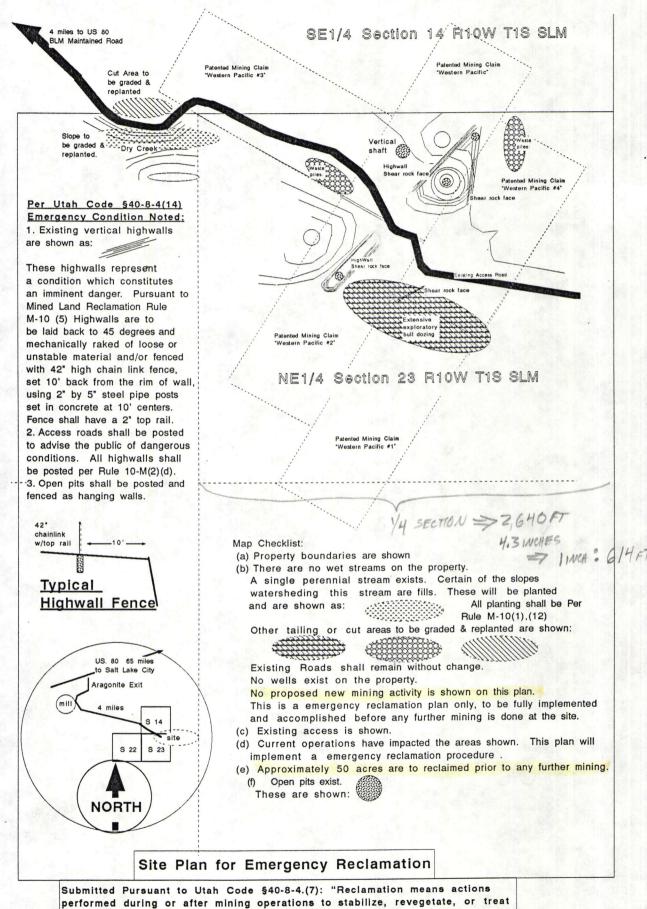
- Map: A 81/2" X 11" portion of the USGS 7.5 minute series topographic map is attached.
- Drawing: A 81/2" X 11" Site Plan for Emergency Reclamation is attached.
  - Photographs: 2 color photos are attached hereon. 3.

Lon Thomas next to 200' highwall View Northerly of highwalls









land affected in order to achieve a safe, stable, ecological condition. . .

#### III. OPERATION PLAN (Rule R613-004-106)

No operation plan plan is submitted with this reclamation plan.

This is a reclamation plan only.

Pursuant to Form MR-LMO Operation Plan III(16), the undersigned owner will accomplish re-vegetation to 70% of the vegetation of surrounding area. Seed mix will be submitted 30 days prior to use for approval.

#### IV. IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The subject mining property has been under the control of Thomas American Stone since 1981. No mining or reclamation plans have been submitted, and so historical data on Pre-Thomas American Stone operations is nonexistent. Thomas has refused to provide a mining plan.

The existing site has been extensively disturbed. Highwalls, open pits and tailing piles infest approximately 50 acres of the subject claims.

Previous to this owner's control, exploratory activity has been accomplished by Lon Thomas, aka Thomas American Stone, using large track type equipment, bull dozers, and the like, which have left extensive, unnecessary scaring of the otherwise natural environ. Grading and replanting will be necessary.

No soil reclamation, slope stability, erosion control, air quality, or public health and safety efforts have ever been made at this site. The existing conditions represent a clear and present danger to the public. The area is well known as a off-road vehicle attraction. Highwalls need to be sloped or fenced. Open pits need to be closed or fenced. No further operations at the site are planned until identifiable dangers to the public and environment are abated. No ground water has been encountered to minus 1,000 feet.

#### V. <u>RECLAMATION PLAN</u> (Rule R613-004-110)

Reclamation of all areas disturbed under Thomas' operations will be be completed to the standards described in Federal BLM rules §3809.1-3(d) and to Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act Title 40-8, prior to any further operations.

- 1. Current use is shut down. Previous use has been an on-going, non-permitted, free-style, slash and cut, open pit mining operation.
- 2. Post-reclamation land-use(s) are proposed as underground mining with little or no surface disturbance.

#### 3. Reclamation of the site:

#### (a) Disposal of Trash

Excepting for old machinery, little or no trash is located on the subject patented mining claims. This machinery shall be hauled off and disposed of at a legal land fill. Existing buildings, circa 1890, may be restored at some future date. No work is planned in the vicinity of the existing buildings. A State marker at the site indicates the building has some historical significance.

#### (b) Backfilling and Grading

Equipment shall consist of:

Track loader
Track dozer
Water truck
Sheepsfoot
Harrow
Seed drill

#### Method shall consist of:

Dozing, compacting with sheepsfoot, finish grading.

#### Amount of Material:

Approximately 2,000 cubic yards will be graded.

#### Final Disposition:

The finish grade shall match existing grade. Stockpiled fills share be blended to match existing.

#### (c) Soil Material Replacement

Existing soils conditions indicate that no import fill, soils will be needed. Existing soils are sandy, with some clay, with approximately 50% stone fragments.

Existing, already disturbed on site materials will be used for all operations.

All soils be be dozed to final grade.

### (d) Seed Bed Preparation

After the soils are graded to finish grade, a final harrowing shall prepare the soil for seed drill.

- (e) <u>Seed Mixture; Method; Fertilization;</u>
  Seed mixture, method and fertilization will be submitted prior to use.
- VI. <u>VARIANCE</u> (Rule R613-004-112)

  No variance from the rules are sought at this time.

#### VII. SURETY (Rule R613-004-113)

A copy of the surety agreement will be forwarded upon receipt.

Estimates for costs of this work have been requested from local general engineering contractors. Upon selection of a contractor, a cost estimate and a copy of the surety agreement will be forwarded.

#### VIII. SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT

Signature of Owner:	12-20-90
Printed name: Richard W. White, owner	date
The above plan is approved for reclamation	operations.
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I hereby certify that	the foregoing is true and correct.	
Signature of Owner:	Ty White	12 90
Printed name:	Richard W. White, owner	date

#### The above plan is approved for reclamation operations.

The STATE OF UTAH DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING, 355 West North Temple, 3 Triad Center, Suite 350, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84180-1203, Telephone: 801-538-5340, has reviewed the above Notice.

The State finds that emergency conditions do exist pursuant to definition found under Utah Code §40-8-4.(14), in that hazards are present in the form of high walls and open pits.

The State further finds that immediate Reclamation under Rule M-10(2) Public Safety (a) closing shafts (c) capping holes (d) posting of appropriate warning signs (e) construction of fences above highwalls, is justified, necessary, and accordingly required by the Division.

The State notes the owner of property is in full agreement with these findings and has agreed to proceed forthwith.

(signed)			 (1	name & t	itle)	 		
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